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CAPE MEARES LIGHTHOUSE PARKING AREA

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With turkey day interrupting the workweek along with wet weather Thanksgiving week was not productive at Cape Meares. It was hoped that K&L Paving Contractors would return to complete the small amount of paving remaining on the first lift of asphalt. It was phone tag with the contractor who was in turn playing phone tag with the subcontractor; it was yes we are paving to no its too wet.

The weather looks good this coming week, cold but dry so I would assume the contractor will pressure the paving subcontractor to take advantage of this and we could in fact lay down asphalt. However, if the subcontractor declines we could be waiting again for an optimum weather window. What I understand from the contractor he will hopefully have a commitment from the paving subcontractor sometime early Monday morning. So the only thing I can project for the week is it's a big maybe that Cape Meares could close for paving. As soon as I know for sure I will forward out a notice. Again sorry for the short notice but getting this paved is important to finishing the project.

Some of you may be asking, "When was this project supposed to be completed". Well the answer is or I should say was November 16, 2006. On November 17 the contractor went into "Liquidated Damages". Liquidated damages helps offset the cost of continued project support beyond that which was budgeted and helps motivate contractors to finish a project so the public can enjoy or use a facility. Please understand that Cisneros Construction is not the problem at this time, as they too would like to finish the work and close out the contract. The problem is weather and having a willing paving subcontractor. So until Cisneros can get the facility fully usable to the public the liquidated damage assessment will continue ticking away each and every day.

I should also apologize for those of you looking for the newsletter on Friday. My only excuse, and it's a good one, we had a house full of grandkids keeping us busy over the holiday.

If you have any commits or concerns related to the construction please forward these to the listed

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